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QUIZ SPOT 5

by DAVE MORTON

1. Who won the Milk Cup in 1985?
2. For which two League clubs did Sir Alf Ramsey play?
3. With which Non-League club did Malcolm Allison begin his managerial career?
4. Who are the 'Merry Millers'?
5. Who play at the 'Abbey Stadium'?
6. England's first World Cup attempt was made in 1950, which country knocked them out?
7. When was the first Red Card shown in English League football?
8. Name two current Olympic events in which women compete against men as individuals?
9. How many players are there in a Polo team?
10. In which year was the F.A. Amateur Cup last contested?

ANSWERS: 1. Norwich City. 2. Spurs & Southampton. 3. Bath City. 4. Rotherham Utd. 5. Cambridge Utd. 6. Spain. 7. 1976. 8. Equestrian & Shooting Events. 9. Four. 10. 1974.

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RAY·MATHIAS·

WELCOME to you all for our game this evening against our local rivals Bolton Wanderers who seem to be like us at the moment — searching for consistency.

The departure last week of Colin Russell left us in a very difficult situation. With Mark Hilditch struggling at the time with hamstring injury and young John Smith with a badly bruised ankle means we didn't have a recognised striker to call on for our game against Sheffield United.

After lots of telephone calls trying to get somebody on loan, it was a great relief when I spoke to Wayne Entwhistle, who agreed to join us on a trial period.

The result of our last two away games I felt were a little unkind. The trip to Wolves resulted in a 2-1 defeat after an excellent performance and I thought we should have come away with at least a point from our best away performance to date.

Last Saturday saw us at Sheffield United, who perhaps deserved their 2-1 win, but saying that, we could still have grabbed a draw if a blatant penalty decision had gone for us.



The players had worked very hard against a side with no less than seven six foot players in their ranks and when their game consists of long high balls it does become a battle and full credit must be given to the lads.

I would like to finish by welcoming Bolton manager Phil Neal, directors, players, staff and supporters to Springfield Park for what I'm sure is going to be an entertaining game played in the right spirit both on the field and off. Have a nice night.

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Brian Hamilton

Chief Executive

I FEEL it right to try and put to all supporters, the Football Club's thoughts on the Membership Schemes.

We are against all forms of Membership Cards with or without photographs, police, police horses, police dogs, segregation of supporters, high metal fences or anything which detracts from our national game.

We are **totally** for people, young, old, male or female coming along to watch a sporting fixture at Springfield Park. A place where they can sit or stand in facilities which are the best we can offer. They can approve or disapprove of what is happening on the pitch in the time honoured way. They can bring along their friends, eat, drink and talk long after the match about what should have happened or what they would have done if they were the manager or a player. Encourage young boys to have a dream of what might be. That's what the great game of soccer is all about.

Unfortunately and sadly society has changed and not necessarily for the better. The police who have a difficult job and indicate from a safety point of view what should be done to protect decent people who only want to enjoy the game.

The Government who are very concerned about the violence in society made a very strong lobby to the Football League that they must implement certain measures to control the situation at Soccer Grounds. The Football League then informed clubs and the government the measures which they felt would improve the situation and dates when they should have happened.

All clubs were asked to develop and introduce Membership Schemes for specific designated areas of their grounds by the beginning of the 1987/88 Season. Non-members would not be admitted. The scheme should cover at least 50% of each grounds Home capacity as determined by the conditions of the Grounds Safety Certificate.

We then had it indicated in a speech by the Sports Minister Mr. Colin Moynihan that the government were fully committed to a National Membership Scheme by the 1989/90 Season.

To this end we demonstrated our willingness to provide for our supporters an area as good as any and better than most.

Because of access and exit to and from our ground, it is a problem to determine the best place for this members area. With the completion of a new covered area, new toilets, a face lift to the catering amenities, this was felt that our members could have the choice to stand under cover or stand on the Town End. The cost is purely to cover the forms, cards, card covers and administration and we very much regret any extra cost to our supporters.

The Membership Scheme has, as we can see, a long way to go and a lot of questions still to be answered:-

What about visitors from overseas?

What about people with more than one card?

What about people who only attend a few matches a season?

What if it becomes computerised? — Between 2.30 and 3.00 p.m. on a Saturday when approximately 400,000 people are trying to push their cards into the National computer.

These are some questions still to be answered.

From a positive point of view, we would know that we have no trouble within the ground as people who misbehave would have their card withdrawn. That people would know that around them are soccer supporters.

The biggest plus for me is that people would feel part of the soccer club in their town. The club as I have said so often in the past doesn't belong to me or the directors, it belongs to you, the people of Wigan. We feel we run the club but we are totally controlled by lots of bodies, the police, fire service, safety of sport officials, planners, the bank and you, the people. Together we can work to make Wigan a household name on the soccer scene which we can all be proud of.

It is not a money making venture by the soccer club, just us trying to fall in line with the powers who control us.

If making soccer supporters have membership cards and this cleans up the problems on our streets and in society in general, then we cannot complain and I would be totally for it. If it doesn't then we must think again, because our commitment to a good and healthy society is paramount.

Brian Hamilton — Chief Executive.

TEAM UP WITH NEIL BARKER

IN THE

WIGAN

Observer

EVERY THURSDAY



From the Press Box



by Dave Calderbank

The dust has finally settled on the Olympics. Weren't they great?

Not all that running, throwing, jumping and swimming. I'm talking about the things people said and probably wished they hadn't.

Apparently there were enough to fill another book of those brilliant Colemanballs compiled by Private Eye magazine. Here's just a few from Seoul 1988 - six of the best in reverse order.

"Korea have been beaten nil nil."

"He's got a nose bleed on his face."

"It's his last chance of an individual gold on his own."

"He's done a lot of running with his legs."

"She's got to pace herself as the marathon is probably one of the longest races in the Olympics."

And finally "As usual it is traditional to dip their cox in the water after the race."

Can't help laughing. But believe it or not it's easily done in the heat of the moment.

We've even had a few gaffes in the Latics press box.

One regular — he's still here — once uttered the immortal words "The keeper's swallowed the ball."

And there was another radio voice accusing poor old Roy Tunks of "Totally exposing himself."

In fact only the other week, we had a good giggle, listening to up-to-the-minute reports of the Latics - Notts County game.

Pretty good they were too.

There was just one problem. Latics were playing Mansfield and no-one had the heart to tell him.



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15 YEARS AGO . . .

Blackpool (1) 2 Latics 0.

(Hardcastle 1, Rafferty (pen) 50)

Wed. 24th Oct. 1973. Att: 674

Lancs. Senior Cup 1st Round.

Blackpool's second string got off to a flier with Peter Hardcastle (ex Skem) hitting a speculative 25 yarder which flashed between the angle of the post and the bar with Dennis Reeves helpless. For the rest of the half, Athletic gave Blackpool the runaround but failed to score due to the acrobatics of George Wood in goal. Even after Rafferty had increased Blackpool's lead from the penalty spot after Moore was brought down by Albert Jackson. Latics still pressed forward but again Wood stood firm and denied them. Wood was later to play for Everton and Arsenal.

Team: Reeves, Morris, Sutherland, Jackson, Tait, Gillibrand, Clements, Taylor Marsden, Rogers, Worswick. Sub: Birt-whistle for Tait 68 minutes.

10 YEARS AGO . . .

Barnsley 0 Latics 0. Sat. 21st. Oct. 1978.

Att: 984

Football League Division Four

This result shows how much the side had improved as they matched Allan Clarke's fourth placed Barnsley pass for pass and fully deserved their point. Dave Fretwell was immaculate at the back and John Brown had another cracker. Tommy Gore came closest to scoring for Wigan with a shot that went inches past the post after a darting run past six players. Barnsley's best effort came after fifty six minutes, when a Miller free kick came back off the crossbar to Joicey who put the ball wide of an open goal. Mickey Moore had a later effort disallowed for offside.

Team: Brown, Smart, Hinnigan, Gore, Ward, Fretwell, Corrigan, Wright, Moore, Brownbill, Purdie. Subs: Houghton for Brownbill, 85 mins.

5 YEARS AGO . . .

Chorley (0) 3 Latics (1) 1. Wed. 26th Oct. 1983.

(Jackson 54, Devine 65, Hunter 82). (Bailey 8).

Centenary Match. Att: 518

Disappointingly Wigan only fielded a half strength side for this friendly game to celebrate Chorley's centenary. Mid-fielder Neil Bailey gave Latics an early lead which they held to the interval. Numerous half time changes by Wigan didn't help and in the second half the Magpies tormented and embarrassed their oldest adversaries with a flurry of goals started by Colin Jackson who shot home in style. Soon after Peter Devine put Chorley ahead and late on Chris Hunter wrapped the game up for a victory which pleased their boss Tom Haworth no end. In October 1883, Chorley had beaten a Wigan side 6-2 in their first meeting at Dole Lane with Wigan winning the return 3-1.

Team: Kilner, Schofield, Comstive, Bailey, Walsh, Towers, Conning, Barrow, Lowe, Butler, Shaw. Subs: Wayne Aspinall for Comstive, Gordon for Bailey, Langley for Walsh, Kelly for Barrow, Worswick for Lowe, Phillips for Butler — all half time.

PREVIOUS RESULTS ON THIS DATE — OCTOBER 25th

Year	Opponents	Competition	Venue	Result	Scorers
1947	Nelson	Lancs Combination	Home	3-0	Barker (2) Miller
1952	Nelson	Lancs Combination	Away	2-1	Lyon, Livesey (pen)
1958	Netherfield	Lancs Combination	Home	4-0	Barrass (2), Cunningham, Prescott
1969	Boston Utd.	N.P.L.	Home	4-0	Fleming, Breen, McLoughlin (2)
1971	Chorley	N.P.L.	Home	0-0	—
1972	South Liverpool	N.P.L.	Away	0-0	—
1975	Altrincham	N.P.L.	Away	0-1	—
1980	Tranmere Rovers	Division 4	Home	1-1	M. Quinn
1986	Bournemouth	Division 3	Away	1-3	C. Thompson



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by the Port Vale

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RIGHT: Andy Pilling just
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1988-89 will see The Football Trust increase its commitment by investing further sums in closed circuit television, transport facilities for supporters and projects to bring Football League clubs closer to their local community.

GOOD evening and welcome to tonight's game. It is nice on occasions such as this to be able to extend a special welcome to members of the Junior Whites.

It is through organisations such as Junior Whites and Junior Latics that the future of football in this country should be built. We read so much these days of violence between fans. It is through the junior organisations of all the clubs in the football league that we can educate the real fans of the future, enabling the terraces of all clubs to be a place where a man can bring his wife, son or daughter without fear of violence or foul abusive language.

On Monday next, Junior Latics will be holding a Halloween Party. There will be prizes of personal stereos for the best fancy dress in two age groups, and lots of fun and games.

So miss it if you dare. Enjoy tonight's match.

Dave Cadman, Chairman

LATICES MASCOT

Tonight's Junior Latics mascot is Shaun Whittle. Shaun, who is aged 12 attends the Deanery High School and is a member of Junior Latics under 13s squad.

His favourite player is his dad (former Latics player Maurice Whittle), closely followed by Phil Hughes.



BOLTON MASCOT

Tonight's Junior Whites mascot is Neil Toft aged 6. Neil attends St. Nathaniels School, Platt Bridge and he lists football as his favourite hobby. His favourite player is John Thomas.



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In addition to its safety programme FGIT has also allocated £1.5 million to build or improve family and disabled facilities at League grounds during 1988.

TODAY'S VISITORS

BOLTON WANDERERS



Back row: (l to r) Ian Callaghan, Gary Henshaw, Paul Hughes, Dave Felgate, Julian Darby, Ian Stevens, Chris O'Brien. Middle row: Phil Neal (Manager), Steve Carroll (Youth Coach), Nicky Brookman, Gary Brown, Stuart Storer, Trevor Morgan, Dave McKearney, Bob Savage, Jeff Chandler, Mick Brown (Coach), Phil Stock (Physio). Front row: John Thomas, Steve Elliott, Phil Brown, Mark Came, Mark Winstanley, Dean Crombie, Barry Cowdrill, Steve Thompson.

DAVID FELGATE (Goalkeeper): Born: Blaenau Ffestiniog. Commenced his career with Bolton as an apprentice but failed to make a first team appearance before being sold to Lincoln for £25,000 although he had gained league experience whilst on loan to Rochdale and Crewe. Returned to Bolton in February 1987 after spells with Cardiff and Grimsby. An everpresent last season in the Wanderers promotion winning team and also voted Player of the Year.

PHIL BROWN (Full back): Born: South Shields. Signed during the close season for a fee of £17,000 from Halifax Town. Commenced his league career with Hartlepool for whom he played more than 200 games. After his transfer to Halifax he scored 14 goals during 1986/87 a record tally for a full back.

DEAN CROMBIE (Full back/Defender): Born: Lincoln. A vastly experienced player with over 350 league appearances to his name most of them with Grimsby Town who he joined from Lincoln City. Joined the Wanderers from the Mariners twelve months ago and made 24 appearances last season in which he had a number of injury problems.

MARK WINSTANLEY (Defender): Born: St. Helens. Has been on the fringe of the Wanderers first team squad for two seasons having come through the Clubs youth ranks. Made his debut at Bournemouth in March 1986 and having forced his way into last season's promotion winning side he should make one of the central defensive positions his own during the coming season.

JULIAN DARBY (Defender/Midfield): Born: Bolton. The only Bolton born player currently in the first team squad Julian has worked his way up through the ranks making his league debut during the 1985/86 season. Has proved his versatility by producing gutsy performances at either right back, central defence or midfield.

GARY HENSHAW (Midfield): Born: Leeds. Joined the Wanderers from his only other league club Grimsby Town, at the beginning of the 1987/88 season, after making 50 appearances for them. He was in the Wanderers first team squad for most of last season in which he made 31 league appearances.

TREVOR MORGAN (Forward): Born: Forest Gate. Made his league bow with Bournemouth who secured his transfer from non-league Leytonstone. After a short spell with Mansfield returned to Dean Court before moving to the South West and spells with Bristol City, Exeter City and Bristol Rovers before moving back across Bristol to rejoin City. Moved to the Wanderers during the summer of 1987 and made 38 league appearances last term scoring 7 times.

NICKY BROOKMAN (Midfield): Born: Manchester. Has had spells at Newport, Aston Villa and Wrexham as a youth player before joining the Wanderers. Made his league debut against Carlisle at Burnden in April 1987 and played 26 league games last term netting 6 goals.

ROBBIE SAVAGE (Full back/Midfield): Born: Liverpool. Began his career as an apprentice at Liverpool but first appeared in the football league whilst on loan to Wrexham. He has since played for Stoke, Bournemouth and Bradford City before joining the Wanderers in a £30,000 deal in September 1987. He grabbed the all important goal at Wrexham last season that earned the Wanderers promotion to the third division.

STEVE THOMPSON (Midfield): Born: Oldham. Made his league debut for the Wanderers in November 1982 having began his career with the club as an apprentice. Has since made over 200 league appearances in three divisions of the football league for the club and missed only 2 games last term.

JOHN THOMAS (Forward): Born: Wednesbury. Began his career with Everton although didn't play a league game for them he was allowed to gain experience at both Tranmere and Halifax on loan. Joined the Wanderers from Goodison at the start of 1980/81 season but failed to gain a regular place. Has since been with Chester, Lincoln and Preston with whom he was a consistent goalgetter and returned to Burnden at the start of last season. He was the Club's leading scorer last term with 22 League goals.

DAVE SWANTON



OF



I WAS an interested reader of Neil Bakers column for the Port Vale game and agree that the written word regarding football games should be left to bona-fide journalists.

I do believe though, that football commentaries should not be left solely to journalists — because most of them are not up to it!

I exempt Alan Fawcett and Dave Calderbank from this as I have heard their reporting technique and it is very good.

However, when a journalist gets a job with a paper — it's his ability with the written word that gets them the job not audio ability.

Over the last six years I have heard some utter dross churned out of radio sets

by journalists who fancy themselves as a budding John Motson, and whilst I don't pretend to be perfect, I like to think I have the ability to report on a game whilst it is in motion *not* 72 hours after the final whistle!

I don't have time to discuss who passed to who and who headed it down — I've got to be on the ball so to speak and tell the man at home what is happening.

The cross over between journalism and reporting arrives because the telephones at grounds are owned by agencies and newspapers, and with the shortage of Saturday evening football papers — Radio gives the 'fireside fan' a glimpse of what is happening.

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2 Gillingham	H
7 Chesterfield (FA Cup 3)	H
14 Mansfield Town	A
21 Brentford	H
28 Reading (FA Cup 4)	A

FEBRUARY

4 Blackpool	A
11 Aldershot	H
18 Port Vale (FA Cup 5)	A
24 Wolverhampton W	H
28 Bolton W	A

MARCH

4 Sheffield Utd	H
11 Northampton T	A
14 Southend Utd	H
18 Bristol R. (FA Cup 6)	H
24 Gillingham	A
27 Chester City	H

APRIL

1 Notts County	A
4 Chesterfield	A
7 Cardiff City	H
15 Swansea City (FAC S/F)	A
22 Fulham	H
29 Bristol City	A

MAY

1 Preston North End	H
6 Bury	H
13 Huddersfield Town	A
20 FA Cup Final	
TBS: Swansea	H

F-A	ATT.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
2-3	4,080	Hughes	Atherton	Tankard	Butler	Beesley	Holden	Pilling	Senior
0-0	4,035	Hughes	Atherton	Tankard	Butler	Beesley	Holden	Pilling	Senior
0-0	2,514	Hughes	Senior	Tankard	Butler	Beesley	Holden	Thompson	Pilling
0-1	4,945	Hughes	Senior	Tankard	Butler	Beesley	Holden	Thompson	Pilling
1-1	4,081	Hughes	Senior	Tankard	Butler	Beesley	Holden	Thompson	Pilling
3-0	2,535	Hughes	Senior	Tankard	Butler	Beesley	Holden	Thompson	Pilling
1-1	3,426	Hughes	Senior	Tankard	Butler	Beesley	Holden	Thompson	Pilling
2-1	4,141	Hughes	Atherton	Tankard	Butler	Beesley	Holden	Thompson	Pilling

1-3	1,527	Hughes	Atherton	Tankard	Butler	Beesley	Holden	Russell	Pilling
0-2	3,976	Hughes	Atherton	Tankard	Butler	Beesley	Holden	Russell	Pilling
1-2	10,320	Hughes	Butler	Senior	Hamilton	Beesley	Holden	Thompson	Pilling
1-2	11,363	Adkins	Butler	Senior	Hamilton	Beesley	Holden	Thompson	Pilling

PAST RESULTS v. BOLTON WANDERERS

Season	Home	Away
81/82	1 - 0	—

FREIGHT ROVER

Season	Home	Away
85/86	0 - 1	1 - 2

DIVISION THREE

Season	Home	Away
83/84	0 - 1	1 - 0
84/85	1 - 0	0 - 1
85/86	1 - 3	2 - 1
86/87	2 - 1	2 - 1

MANX CUP

Season	Home	Away
83/84	0 - 0	—
86/87	—	4 - 3
88/89	0 - 1*	—
* at Oldham		

LITTLEWOODS CUP

Season	Home	Away
87/88	2 - 3	3 - 1

LATICS HONOURS THROUGHOUT THEIR HISTORY

Part 1 — The 1930's

Honours

Final Position

League

Season

32/33	Cheshire	5th	League Champions	Runners-up Lancs Junior Cup
33/34	Cheshire	1st	League Champions	Runners-up Lancs Junior Cup
34/35	Cheshire	1st	League Champions	Winners Cheshire League Cup
35/36	Cheshire	1st	Winners Lancs Junior Cup	Runners-up Lancs Senior Cup
36/37	Cheshire	8th	Runners North Midweek League	Section A
37/38	Cheshire	11th	Runners-up North Midweek League	(36/37) Play-off
38/39	Cheshire	7th	Runners-up Lancs Junior Cup	
39/40	Cheshire	—	Runners-up Lancs Junior Cup	



Hilditch	Russell	Rimmer	McEwan	Crompton
Hilditch	Russell	Rimmer	McEwan	Crompton
Hilditch	Russell	Rimmer	Atherton	McEwan
Hilditch	Russell	Rimmer	Atherton	McEwan
Hilditch	Russell 2	Rimmer	McEwan	Hamilton
Hilditch	Russell	Rimmer	McEwan	Hamilton
Hilditch	Hamilton	Rimmer	McEwan	Parkinson
Senior	Hamilton	Rimmer	McEwan	Parkinson
Senior	Hamilton	Rimmer	McEwan	Parkinson
Hilditch	Russell	Rimmer	Atherton	McEwan
Hilditch*	Entwistle	Rimmer	Atherton*	McEwan

BARCLAYS LEAGUE DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt.
Sheffield U.	10	8	0	2	28	10	24
Port Vale	11	7	2	2	27	11	23
Wolves	11	6	3	2	21	15	21
Swansea	10	6	2	2	14	11	20
Mansfield	11	4	6	1	14	10	18
Bristol R.	11	5	3	3	20	17	18
Bristol City	11	5	3	3	15	12	18
Preston	11	5	3	3	15	12	18
Fulham	11	5	2	4	20	16	17
Bury	10	5	2	3	15	11	17
Reading	11	5	2	4	19	16	17
Huddersfield	11	5	1	5	12	13	16
Chester	11	4	4	3	19	22	16
Bolton	11	4	3	4	18	13	15
Brentford	11	4	2	5	14	16	14
Blackpool	11	3	4	4	16	15	13
Northampton	11	4	1	6	16	17	13
Notts. County	11	2	6	3	12	12	12
Southend	11	3	3	5	12	19	12
Wigan	10	2	3	5	12	15	9
Gillingham	11	2	1	8	12	18	7
Cardiff	9	1	4	4	10	18	7
Chesterfield	11	2	0	9	5	30	6
Aldershot	11	1	2	8	9	26	5

Coming up next:

Friday, October 29th, 1988
Kick off 7.30 p.m.
SOUTHEND UTD. v. WIGAN ATHLETIC
Barclays League - Division Three

Tuesday, November 1st, 1988
Kick off 7.30 p.m.
WIGAN ATHLETIC v. SWANSEA CITY
Barclays League - Division Three

Tonight's Third Division Fixtures

Bristol City v. Aldershot; Bury v. Southend; Cardiff v. Notts County; Chesterfield v. Brentford; Fulham v. Northampton; Huddersfield v. Swansea; Preston v. Gillingham; Wolves v. Blackpool.
TOMORROW: Chester v. Mansfield; Reading v. Bristol Rovers.

WITH THE RESERVES

CENTRAL LEAGUE FIXTURES

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 S S

F.A.

AUGUST

30 Preston N.E.	A	1-3	Adkins	Parkinson	Musker	McEwan	Johnson	Fallon	Crompton	Litherland	Cannon	Wilson	Griffiths	Whitney	Smith
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SEPTEMBER

7 Mansfield T.	H	2-0	Adkins	Atherton	Whitney	Johnson	McEwan	Fallon	Crompton	Parkinson	Wilson	Russell	Griffiths	Cannon	Litherland
13 Notts County	A	0-2	Adkins	Atherton	Whitney	Hamilton	McEwan	Johnson	Crompton	Parkinson	Wilson	Cannon	Griffiths	Fallon	Smith
21 Oldham Athletic	H	1-1	Adkins	Atherton	Fallon	Hamilton	McEwan	Whitney	Crompton	Parkinson	Smith	Wilson	Griffiths	Cannon	Musker
28 Hull City	A	P													

OCTOBER

5 Port Vale	H	3-2	Adkins	Parkinson	Whitney	Wilson	McEwan	Johnson	Crompton	Fallon	Smith	Cannon	Griffiths	Litherland	Cameron
11 Doncaster Rovers	H	1-1	Adkins	Parkinson	Whitney	Litherland	McEwan	Johnson	Crompton	Fallon	Cameron	Cannon	Smith	Whitworth	Maddox
16 Middlesbrough	A	2-5	Adkins	Atherton	Whitney	Litherland	McEwan	Johnson	Crompton	Fallon	Cameron	Cannon	Tankard	Maddox	Whitworth

NOVEMBER

2 Stoke City	A														
9 Bolton Wanderers	A														
15 Bradford City	H														
22 Blackpool	A														
29 Rotherham Utd.	H														

DECEMBER

7 York City	A														
14 Darlington	A														
20 Scunthorpe Utd.	H														

JANUARY

4 Mansfield Town	A														
10 Preston N.E.	H														
17 Rotherham Utd.	A														
24 Grimsby Town	H														
31 Hull City	H														

FEBRUARY

8 Port Vale	A														
14 Middlesbrough	H														
22 Doncaster Rovers	A														

MARCH

1 Bolton Wanderers	A														
7 Stoke City	H														
15 Oldham Athletic	A														
21 Darlington	H														
28 Notts County	H														

APRIL

5 Scunthorpe Utd.	A														
11 York City	H														
18 Bradford City	A														
25 Blackpool	H														

MAY

2 Grimsby Town	A														
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IN the last fortnight the Reserves have enjoyed the pleasure of playing two successive home games and have come away with a win and a draw to show for their efforts. After falling behind to a scrappy goal just before half-time against a busy Port Vale side, our lads did well to battle back to win 3-2 on the night. After half-time, with a few well chosen words from Dave Philpotts ringing in their ears, it was not long before the Latics equalised, when Stan McEwan blasted home one rebound from a free-kick after his initial shot had been blocked by the Vale wall. With Shaun Fallon starting to run the Midfield, Latics soon went into the lead. Brian Griffiths made a great run down the left and his cross was nodded home by Jonathon Crompton. Another goal soon followed, and it was another Griffiths run that set Crompton up to claim his second, from close range. Slack marking towards the end allowed 'Vale' to sneak a second goal and our lads have Nigel Atkins to thank for making sure they claimed the points.

The following week saw Latics entertain Doncaster and in a game they totally dominated it was surprising they scored just the one goal. The visitors were never allowed to settle after their long journey across the Pennines and rarely troubled the Latics defence. In the end though, it was second-half substitute Danny Maddox, making his Central League debut that scored the Latics only goal. There is an old saying in football that says 'a team is at it's most vulnerable after scoring a goal' and so it proved to be for the Latics. A rare defensive lapse allowed Doncaster to snatch an equaliser and try as they might our lads just could not manage to claim that elusive winning goal.



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OUR Lancashire League side has been involved in some high-scoring games as of late. Partly, this has been through the continued and unfortunate absence of apprentice goalkeeper Ian Bamford. Trialist keepers have been used and this almost inevitably leads to a lack of understanding amongst the back four. Nonetheless, Wigan should not have been beaten by the odd goal in seven at Crewe on a morning which seemed more fitted for water-polo than soccer. Some of our boys lacked a bit of discipline at times and allowed their concentration to lapse as refereeing decisions went against them. It is difficult at times but discipline and concentration are vital ingredients of a good professional.

Our next match saw us account for visitors Blackburn Rovers by 3-2 at Robin Park on a beautiful Indian Summer's day. Again, defensive organisation was not helped by goalkeeping uncertainty and our boys deserve credit for the way that they stuck to their task. Centre backs Allan Johnson and Neil Whitworth were in commanding form whilst John Whitney seems to be getting used to the left back position more and more. Roy Litherland, Fallon and Daniel Maddox buzzed around in midfield whilst Daniel Sommer and Stephen Cannon were always inventive up front. It was no surprise when Maddox gave us the lead with a crisply hit shot from the edge of the box. Whilst the visitors got back on level terms, a two-goal blast from Stephen Cannon put us in the driving seat. Just before the end, the Rovers pulled a goal back but with Allan Johnson in magnificent form there was never any real chance of the visitors pinching a point.

Meanwhile, Wigan Boys U15's continue to show improved form with only a failure to turn chances into goals letting them down. In their latest matches, Wigan drew 1-1 with Tameside at home and then won at Rochdale by 1-0.

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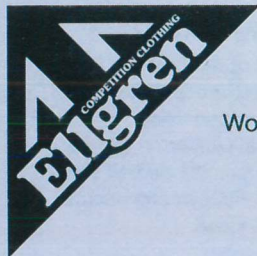
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DAVID THOMPSON

Full name: David Stephen Thompson
Birthplace: Manchester
Birthdate: 27.5.62.
Birthsign: Gemini
Height: 5'10"
Weight: 12st. 10lb.
Married: No
Children: Two, Daniel aged 3, Michaela aged 1.
Previous clubs: Rochdale, Notts County
Position: Right wing
Nickname: Thommo
Favourite newspaper: Telegraph
Favourite player: Trevor Stephen
Player for the future: Tommy Johnston (Young Player at Notts County)
Favourite other teams: Manchester United
Football hero of childhood: George Best, Martin Buchan
Favourite other sport: Rugby, Golf, Horse racing
Other sports people you admire: Seve, Lester Piggott
Most memorable moment: Playing at Wembley
Biggest disappointment: Not making the play offs last year.
Best stadium played in: Wembley
Favourite food and drink: Steak, Coke
Likes/Dislikes: My job and being with family — smoking, injuries
Favourite singers: George Benson, Diana Ross, Patti Austin
Favourite actor: James Wood
Favourite actress: Kirstee Ally



Favourite holiday resort: Crete
Favourite T.V. show: Taggart
Best film seen recently: Star Trek
Favourite activity on day off: Golf
Biggest influence on career: Father
Pre-match meal: Ommlette and Beans
International honours: None
Personal ambition: Play at a higher level and keep on the right side of Andy Holden
If not playing what job would you do: Anything connected with sport.
Career after playing: Small business of my own.



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6 Mark Winstanley
7 Gary Henshaw
8 Steve Thompson
9 Trevor Morgan
10 John Thomas
11 Julian Darby
12 Ian Stevens
13 Phil Neal

HERE NEXT

Tuesday, November 1st 1988

Kick off 7.30

Wigan Athletic

v

Swansea

Barclays League - Division Three

OFFICIALS

Referee:

Keith Hackett (Sheffield)

Linesmen:

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